

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter contained in Claim 4 is allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has canceled Claims 1-10 and rewritten Claim 4 in independent form as New Claim 11. New Claim 11 includes all the limitations of the Claim 1 as well as the limitations of intervening Claim 3. Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claim 11 is allowable.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this response places Applicant's application in condition for allowance, and therefore further and favorable action on this application is requested.

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